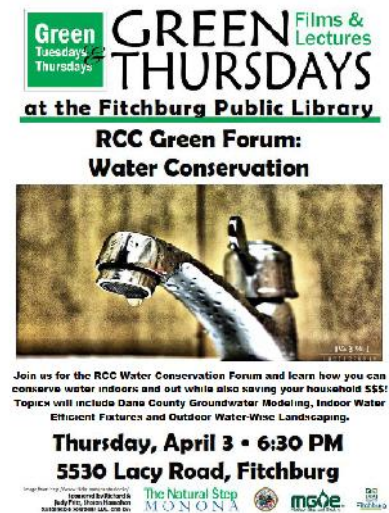


# **Fitchburg's Green E-News Blast #48**

(Released Mon., March 31, 2014)

## **1. City of Fitchburg Water Conservation Campaign Kick Off – Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm at the Fitchburg Public Library**

– The Mayor and City of Fitchburg Staff have made water conservation a top priority for 2014. Learn about existing groundwater supplies in Dane County, how to fix your toilet, and outdoor water wise landscaping. The event will be held at the City of Fitchburg Public Library and will feature speakers from the Wisconsin Geologic and Natural History Survey, Benjamin Plumbing, and the City of Fitchburg Department of Public Works. Check out [FACTv](#) for updated Water Conservation announcements from Mayor Pfaff!



And don't forget to sign up for the Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge. Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> you can pledge to conserve water in Fitchburg. Visit

<http://www.wylandfoundation.org/mywaterpledge/> for more details!

## **2. Tune Up your Bike for Spring – Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm at the Fitchburg Public Library**



– Cycling enthusiasts (teens and adults) are invited to grab their bikes and come get their hands greasy. This free two-hour workshop will familiarize you with the different parts of your bike and how to perform simple fixes to prepare for a new riding season. This program is presented in collaboration with the Freewheel Community Bike Shop.

## **3. New Seed Library Available at the Fitchburg Public Library – The Fitchburg Public Library**



is participating in the Dane County Seed Library! Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library, near the gardening section, this new resource was made possible by the Madison Community Foundation and the John A. Johnson Fund. Check out seeds, take them home to plant, harvest at the end of the season, and return a portion of the seeds you harvest (by ~Sept. 1, 2014) to restock the seed library. For more details, please contact



[kate.hull@fitchburgwi.gov](mailto:kate.hull@fitchburgwi.gov) or 608-729-1763.

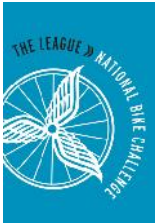
## **4. 2014 Earth Day, Arbor Day and Migratory Bird Day Events:**

- 💧 Sat., April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am-Noon – **Dunn's Marsh Waterway Cleanup** – Meet at Apache Pond, 4491 Crescent Rd.
- 💧 Sun., April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm – **Schumann Greenway Cleanup** with All Saints Lutheran Church – Meet at McKee Farms Northwest Pond near the Splash Pad, 2930 Chapel Valley Rd.
- ♻️ Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30am – 10:30am - **Shred Day Event** for shredding and recycling confidential paper documents,

- ♻️ Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30am – 11:30am - **Electronics Recycling Event** for computers, monitors, etc.
- ♻️ Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale** at the Alliant Energy Center
- Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30am-12:30pm - **Arbor Day / International Migratory Bird Day Celebration – Birding & Tree Planting** in Fitchburg Parks, McKee Farms Park Tree Walk & Migratory Bird Day Celebration – (<http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/707/Arbor-Day-Migratory-Bird-Day-Celebration>)
- Fri., May 9<sup>th</sup> Evening - **Nine Springs Birding Event** – ([www.madisonaudubon.org](http://www.madisonaudubon.org))
- Sat., May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-Noon – **Fitchburg Bike Rodeo** (<http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=323&month=5&year=2014&day=31&calType=0>)
- Sat., May 17<sup>th</sup> (morning) - **Community Orchard tree planting** at Senior Center
- Sat., May 17<sup>th</sup> - **Harlan Hills Prairie Planting** ([www.fitchburgwi.gov/1145/Volunteer](http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/1145/Volunteer))

##### 5. 2014 State Trail Passes Now Available at Fitchburg City Hall –

With special thanks to a new partnership between the City of Fitchburg and the Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area, 2014 State Trail Passes are now available at Fitchburg City Hall from 7:30am-4:30pm Mondays through Fridays.



##### 6. 2014 Bike Commuter Challenge Begins May 1<sup>st</sup>! –

[The Bike Commuter Challenge](#) begins once again May 1 and will last through September. Stay tuned for more details on how you, your friends, your family and co-workers can participate in this summer long event! Do your part and help make Fitchburg a GOLD Bicycle Friendly City!



Please note that Fitchburg's web page just converted to a new format on March 27<sup>th</sup>, which includes a new subscription mechanism to mailing lists such as Fitchburg's "Green E-News." If you'd like to subscribe to future Fitchburg Green E-News updates, please:

- a. Visit Fitchburg's "Notify Me<sup>®</sup>" web page: <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/list.aspx>
- b. Type your email address in the box and select "Sign In"
- c. If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select "Save"
- d. Click  (to subscribe/unsubscribe to emails) and/or  (to subscribe/unsubscribe) next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe / unsubscribe (e.g. "Green Fitchburg" is the mailing list for environmentally friendly suggestions or events)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions on future Green E-News topics.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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